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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are in this application.

Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended.

New claims 18-26 have been added.

Claims 1-4, and 6-26 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowability of claims 5-7 and 9 if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 1 by incorporating the contents of the canceled claim 5 into claim 1. Claim 1, as amended, is equivalent to claim 5 written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and, as such, claim 1, as amended, is allowable.

In view of the allowability of claim 1, as amended, all claims that depend directly or indirectly therefrom, including claim 9 as originally filed, are also allowable.

However, since claim 9 as originally filed, was found to be allowable according to the Office Action if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base

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claim and any intervening claims, Applicants have presented allowable claim 9, as originally filed in independent form as new claim 18, which includes all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims (claim 8).

Thus, claim 18, and the claims that depend directly or indirectly therefrom, namely the newly presented claims 19-26, are also allowable.

Allowable claims 6 and 7, which depend from the allowable but now canceled claim 5, were also amended by changing their dependence to depend from claim 1 to maintain the chain of their dependence.

Claim 6 was further amended to correct a typographical error by changing "titanium didoxide" to "titanium dioxide."

Accordingly, claims 6 and 7 remain allowable.

The claims have been rejected:

- (1) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohkubo et al.;
- (2) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo et al. in view of Liu et al.; and
- (3) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo et al. in view of Hoke.

In view of the Applicants' amendments herein above, the rejection of the claims

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under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohkubo et al. and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo et al. either in view of Liu et al. or in view of Hoke, is moot.

Therefore, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohkubo et al. and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohkubo et al. in view of either Liu et al. or in view of Hoke, should be withdrawn and claims 1-4, 6-17, as well as the newly presented claims 18-26, should be allowed.

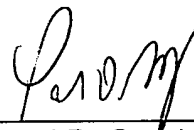
In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims, namely, claims 1-4 and 6-26.

Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-26 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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